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5 Prior to examination of this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

10 Amend Claims 10 - 14 as indicated on the following "Clean" and "Marked Up" versions. In the marked up version, added material is underlined and deleted material is enclosed in brackets. In the clean copies, the underlining and brackets are deleted.

**Clean Copies of amended Claims 10 - 14:**

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b 10. (Once Amended) Apparatus for writing to optical recording media, comprising a light source whose maximum power is lower than is necessary to write to a writable information carrier layer through a semi-transparent information carrier layer.

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11. (Once Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 10, comprising a buffer memory for data to be recorded, from which a control unit reads out data in reverse order and outputs a corresponding recording signal to the light source.

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12. (Once Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein a control unit is provided, which assigns data that are to be recorded on the information carrier layer remote from the light source firstly to a specific area of the information carrier layer facing the light source, for

recording, and which, after the recording medium has been turned over, drives a scanner for reading out data located in the specific area of the information carrier layer which is then remote from the light source, and assigns these data to areas of the information carrier layer  
5 [(3, 2)] which is then facing the light source, for recording.

13. (Once Amended) Apparatus for writing to optical recording media, comprising a buffer memory for data to be recorded, from which a control unit reads out data in reverse order and outputs a  
10 corresponding recording signal to the light source.

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15 14. (Once Amended) Apparatus for writing to optical recording media, wherein a control unit is provided, which assigns data that are to be recorded on the information carrier layer remote from the light source firstly to a specific area of the information carrier layer facing the light source, for recording, and which, after the recording medium has been turned over, drives a scanner for reading out data located in the specific area of the information carrier layer which is then remote from the light source, and assigns these data to areas of the  
20 information carrier layer which is then facing the light source, for recording.

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